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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY VIENNA
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5729
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (EO, TAGS, SUBJ)

PLEASE PASS TO CODEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (MCGOVERN, GEORGE)
SUBJECT: CODEL MCGOVERN

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(MFA) ABOUT YOUR VISIT WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO
GET A FIRM COMMITMENT ON NAMES OF OFFICIALS WHO WILL
RECEIVE YOU. DIRECTOR OF SIXTH DEPARTMENT (US/UK
AFFAIRS) JAROSLAV ZANTOVSKY TOLD US JULY 10 THAT HE
HAS "PROMISES" OF APPOINTMENTS AT FEDERAL ASSEMBLY
AND MFA STARTING IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL FRIDAY,
JULY 14. TO BE ASSURED OF ANY CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIAL
GUESTS, I WAS ADVISED DINNER I PLAN TO GIVE FOR YOU WILL
ALSO HAVE TO BE ON FRIDAY.

2. THIS RESULTS IN FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
JULY 14

1640 ARRIVE PRAGUE. MET BY AMBASSADOR AND
MFA OFFICIALS

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1715-1930 CALLS ON OFFICIALS
(APPROX.)
2030 DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

JULY 15
WE CAN PROVIDE EMBASSY BRIEFING IN MORNING WITH REST
OF DAY FREE. MFA HAS SUGGESTED VISIT TO KARLOVY VARY

(CARLSBAD) ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AND LUNCH THERE, "POSSIBLY" WITH A HIGH OFFICIAL TAKING WATERS THERE. COMMENT: WE CANNOT NOW PREDICT WHO THIS HIGH OFFICIAL MIGHT BE. IT COULD BE PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL OR ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES. IN OUR VIEW TRIP WOULD BE WORTHWHILE ONLY IF STROUGAL AVAILABLE.

END COMMENT.

JULY 16

MFA HAS OFFERED TO ARRANGE A SPECIAL VIEWING SUNDAY MORNING OF EXHIBIT HONORING EMPEROR CHARLES THE FOURTH, BUILDER OF MUCH OF PRAGUE. EXHIBIT JUST OPENED RECENTLY TO MARK 600TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLES'S DEATH, HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRIASED. IT CONTAINS BOHEMIAN CORONATION JEWELS, RARELY DISPLAYED, AND IS INSTALLED IN HISTORIC HRADCANY, THE PRAGUE CASTLE AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

1215 DRIVE TO AIRPORT

1340 DEPART FOR LONDON

3. VIENNA-BASED REUTERS CORRESPONDENT, DOUG GERWIN, HAS TOLD US HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK INFORMALLY WITH SENATOR IN PRAGUE. WE ASSUME CZECHOSLOVAK TV WILL WANT TO HAVE BRIEF INTERVIEW, POSSIBLY AT DEPARTURE. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON HOW YOU WISH PRESS REQUESTS HANDLED. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER THAN GERWIN LIKELY TO BE IN PRAGUE DURING CODEL VISIT.

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